(b) The project envisages construction of a two lane bridge through the Gulf of Cambay and supply of water through a pipeline to be laid on the ground through the box girders of the bridge for crossing the Gulf of Cambay. The cost of construction of bridge was estimated to be Rs. 127 crores for composite type and Rs. 186 crores for R.C.C. type, by the Government of Gujarat.

(c) As regards quantum of water, the project envisages two alternatives - (i) 50 million gallons per day and (ii) 100 million gallons per day.

(d) and (e). Yes, there is a provision of about 25 million gallons per day of water for industrial use.

(f) The proposal is under examination in the Planning Commission.

US Approach for a Defence Pact with Pakistan

4643. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of any new approach by the United States for a defence pact with Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir. Though Defence Cooperation arrangements exist between these two countries.

(b) Does not arise. Govt. of India, however, keeps interaction between U.S. & Pakistan in the sphere of Defence under constant observation.

24th Dairy Industry Conference

4644. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 24th Dairy Industry Conference was organised by the Indian Dairy Association on September 1, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of delegates who attended the Conference;

(c) the objectives of the Conference;

(d) the suggestions made at the Conference; and

(e) the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The objective of the Conference was to discuss and deliberate on the theme "Quality and Viability for Sustaining Growth". about 770 delegates attended the Conference.

(d) The important suggestions made at the Conference are:-

i) The dairy Industry may be brought with-in the purview of Industrial Licensing.

ii) Privatize the Government dairies.

iii) To amend the Cooperative Societies Act.

iv) To set up Cooperative Companies for District